(b) whether there has been any shortfalls in fulfilling the targets; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The targets and achievements for afforestation/tree planting activities, which include social forestry, during the Seventh Plan period for all States are given below:-

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Target (in million ha.)	1·45	1·71	1·79	2·00
Performance (in million ha.)	1·51	1·76	1·77	2·12
Achievement (percent)	104·1	102·9	98·0	106 0 0

The target for 1989-90 is 1.7 million ha., which is expected to be achieved.

The shortfall in achievement of 2% in 1987-88 was mainly on account of drought conditions.

Unfilled vacancies of Vice Chancellors in Central Universities

907. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(c) what is the number of the positions of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and lying unfilled at present;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) Out of ten posts of Vice-Chancellors in Central Universities, the posts of Vice-Chancellors in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Visva Bharati and University of Delhi are lying vacant at present.

(b) The recommendations of the Committees constituted to prepare panels of names for appointment of Vice-Chancellors of IGNOU, Visva Bharati and University of Delhi have been received recently and are under consideration.

In the case of AMU, the Vice-Chancellor is appointed by the Visitor from a panel of at least three persons recommended by the Court from a panel of five persons recommended by the Executive Council. The panel of names recommended by the Executive Council for appointment of Vice-Chancellor, AMU was considered by the Court and referred back to the Executive Council for reconsideration instead of being referred to the Visitor. The dispute arising out of the resolution of the Court is yet to be resolved.

(c) The above vacancies are likely to be filled in the near future.

Employees in Central Govt. and Public Enterprises

908. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of